Improving the financial resources and cutting down expenditure on Administration.

Q.—56. **Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA** (Shimoga District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the steps they have taken to improve the financial resources of the State and to cut down the expenditure on Administration ?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA** (Minister for Finance and Industries).—

The following are the steps taken :—

1. Limiting capital expenditure on essential works.

2. Reducing losses in Food Department.

3. Increasing Electrical Revenue by levy of surcharge.

4. Effecting economy in expenditure wherever possible.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA —May I know the savings under this head ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I cannot exactly state what the savings are. I can illustrate the capital expenditure on various works. Major irrigation works like Lakkavalli, Thunga and Nugur come up to Rs. 25 crores. Our immediate programme is only for Rs. 3·25 crores.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—Then what is the saving under item No. 2 ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Under item No. 2 we have a very small rise in the issue price. Not all that could be raised, nor is it necessary to be done. But even that has brought a saving of about Rs. 30 lakhs to Rs. 35 lakhs.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—Under item 4, what is the net saving ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Approximately Rs. 2 ½ lakhs.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—How many officers have been retrenched in several departments ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—That does not arise under this question.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—Is it the view of the Government that these are the only sources from which the State revenues can be augmented ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—There may be more. Fresh taxation, for instance.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—Is the process of effecting economy completed or yet to be completed ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Not completed.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—When is it to be completed ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—That is a continuous process. That can never be completed.

Sri G. VEERAPPA (Chitaldrug District—General).—ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಒದಗಿಸಿರತಕ್ಕ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನದ ಎರಡನೆಯ ಐಟಂನಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಂದುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಲುಕ್ಸಾನನ್ನು ತಗ್ಗಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆಯೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಅದು to what extent ? What is the amount of savings ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I have said about Rs. 35 lakhs to Rs. 40 lakhs. By the slight rise of issue price we have saved about Rs. 35 lakhs.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Chitaldrug District—General).—Has the Economy Officer prescribed any time limit within which some saving can be effected by way of retrenchment ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I do not remember any time limit.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—How much do the Government expect ultimately to save under item No. 4 ; if so, within what period ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—That is a thing which has got to take place gradually and there is no question of target in the amount of saving.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—May I know the approximate time within which the recommendations of the Economy Officer will be put into effect ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—That again is a continuous process. It is not as though it has got to be done within a few months.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Has the process commenced ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Long ago.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—How much time is required for the process to be completed ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—There is no time limit.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Under item 2, have the Government any scheme within which the losses under that item can be compl tely eliminated?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—That is exactly what the Government are striving for. They want to see that these food operations do not result in any losses. I have already indicated in the last budget session that our object is to proceed on the basis of service at cost.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Have the Government got any scheme which they wish to put into practice?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I can assure my Hon'ble friend that we are at that job.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Under item 1 'Limiting capital expenditure on essential works', do the Government really consider that it is a way of economy?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It is the compelling force of circumstances. There is always room for difference of opinion on a point like this.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Have the Government got any scheme wherein they wish to eliminate that item No. 1?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—There is no desire to eliminate it at all.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Mysore District—General).—Have the Government realised that there is need for economy in establishment?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—For that very reason, an officer was appointed and we have been considering so many retrenchments.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Has he recommended the cutting down the number of officers in the Gazetted Rank which is now about 1,500?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—The Economy Officer has made a number of recommendations in which the question of retrenching some Gazetted Officers also is a part.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—What are the impediments in the way of the Government giving effect to those recommendations immediately?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It is a question of exigencies of circumstances and the necessities of administration.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—What are the impediments in the way of giving service at cost under food operations?

The Hon'ble Sri H.C. DASAPPA.—It is a large question of policy and I am prepared to give all due regard for the opinion of this House and that is what, as I have said, the Government have in view.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—My question is, what are the impediments that the Government have immediately?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Not on a policy of service at cost. The only impediment is that we have a certain legacy which cannot be rudely disturbed and, as they say, the shop must be cushioned. The foodstuffs are being sold at a certain rate and all of a sudden we cannot raise the price without disturbing the even life of the places where we have got this rationing system.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—What time do the Government propose to take to put this through?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—As early as possible.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—May I know what exactly is the loss the Government are incurring now?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Several years' budgets show this. Whatever we lose is indicated there by way of food subsidies.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I would like to be understood clearly. The losses under food administration are shown under various items. All put together, what are the losses under food administration?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—There are only two main things. One thing is the administration of the Food Department. The other thing is the question of food operations—the procurement on the one hand and the distribution on the other. The cost of the Food Department plus the losses in the distribution of foodgrains, is the exact loss of the whole food operations.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—There are various other items. For instance, you are paying an extra commission to the village officers?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—What the Hon'ble Member is referring to is given under these two heads.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Under all heads put together, what is the aggregate loss?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—The aggregate loss, as I believe I have already indicated last time in my budget speech, is round about Rs. 8 crores ever since the food operations started.

Sri H M. CHANNABASAPPA.—That does not include obviously the establishment charges under food operations?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It does.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—No. I have got the authority here. Rs. 8 crores does not include..... ....

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Member need not enter into a discussion.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Do the Government still hold to it?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—He is making a test of my memory. The amount of about Rs. 8 crores does include the charges on Food Department also.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು (ತುಮಕೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ).—ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಈ ವರದಿಯನ್ನು ಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ಒಪ್ಪಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೆ?

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಯಾವ ವರದಿ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು.—ಎಕಾನಮಿ ಆಫೀಸರ ವರದಿಯನ್ನು!

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಅವರ ಶಿಫಾರ್ಸನ್ನು ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಇರಾಖೆಗೂ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದೆ. ಅವರು ಎಷ್ಟು ಖೋತಾಮಾಡಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವೋ ಅಷ್ಟನ್ನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲವು ಭಾಗ ಇರಾಖೆಯವರು ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು; ಮತ್ತೆ ಕೆಲವನ್ನು ಒಪ್ಪುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲದೆ ಇರಬಹುದು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು.—ಆ ವರದಿಯ ಮೇರೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಆರ್ಡರಾಗಿದೆಯೆ?

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಆರ್ಡರು ಮಾಡಿರುವುದರಿಂದಲೇ ರಿಟ್ರೆಂಚ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಆಗುತ್ತಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು.—ಏನು ಆರ್ಡರಾಗಿದೆಯೆಂದು ಖಚಿತವಾಗಿ ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವೆ?

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಅದನ್ನು ಆಗಲೇ ಹೇಳಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ಆರ್ಡರಲ್ಲ, ಅನೇಕ ಆರ್ಡರುಗಳಾಗಿದೆ. ಎಷ್ಟು ಕಡಮೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವೋ ಅಷ್ಟನ್ನೂ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು.—ಆಫೀಸರುಗಳನ್ನು ಕಡಮೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳುವಾಗ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಬದಲಾಗಿ ಖಾಸ್ತಿಮಾಡಿರುವುದುಂಟೆ!

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಕೆಲವು ಇದ್ದರೂ ಇರಬಹುದು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು.—ನಕ್ಕೆಚೇರಿಯೆಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಹಿಂದೆ ಆರು ನಕ್ಕೆಚೇರಿಗಳಿದ್ದುದು ಈಗ ಒಂಬತ್ತಕ್ಕೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿರುವುದುಂಟೆ!

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಅಷ್ಟು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿರುವಂತೆ ಕಾಣಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಬಹುಶಃ ಒಂದು ಸ್ಥಾನ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿರಬಹುದು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು.—ಎಷ್ಟಾದರೂ ಆಗಲಿ, ಕಡಮೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳುವಾಗ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವುದು ಸರಿಯೆ?

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಈಗಿರುವ ನಕ್ಕೆಚೇರಿಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು.—ಹಾಗಾದರೆ ಹತ್ತು ವರ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದೆರಡು ಜಾಗಗಳು ಹೆಚ್ಚಬಹುದೆಂಬುದು ತಮ್ಮ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವೆ!

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ತಾವು ಏನು ಬೇಕಾದರೂ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯಪಡಬಹುದು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎರ್. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪನವರು (ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ).—ಒಂದನೆಯ ಖಟಂಗಾಗಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ 25 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮೂರು ಕೋಟಿಗೆ ಸದ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಲಿಮಿಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದೆಯೆಂದು ಅಪ್ಪಣೆ ಕೊಡಿಸಿದಿರಿ. ಅದು ಲಕ್ಕವಳ್ಳಿ, ತುಂಗ ಮತ್ತು ನುಗುಪ್ರಾಜೆಕ್ಟುಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಿದೆ. ಹಿಂದೆ ಒಂದು ಸ್ಟೇಜಿಗೆ ತಂದು ಆ ಕೆಲಸಗಳನ್ನು ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದಾಗಿ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಅಷ್ಟು ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಲು ಇಷ್ಟು ಮೊಬಲಗು ಬೇಕೆ!

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಹೌದು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎರ್. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಮೊನ್ನೆ ಶ್ರೀವಾಣಿ ಮಹಾರಾಜರವರ ಭಾಷಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ರೀತಿ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ.—

"While every attention has to be paid for the completion of short-term projects, it is obvious that the necessity for having a long range plan to meet the growing needs of an increasing population cannot be lost sight of. Major irrigation works like Lakkavalli, Tunga, Nugu and others must, therefore continue to have their due share of attention." ಇದರ ಅರ್ಥವೇನು? ಮೂರು ಕೋಟಿರೂಪಾಯಿನಲ್ಲೇ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ನಡೆಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಅವರ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವೆ!

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—"due share of attention" ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರೆ ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಅರ್ಥವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎರ್. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪನವರು.—25 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂಪಾಯಿನ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಮೂರು ಕೋಟಿ ಖರ್ಚಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಂಚ ಮಾಡಿ ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸುವರೇ, ಹೇಗೆ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಖಚಿತವಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಯಬೇಕೆಂದು ನಾನು ಕೇಳಿದೆ.

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದರೆ, ಹಣ ಒದಗಿದರೆ ಆ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಪೂರೈಸಬೇಕೆಂಬುದೇ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಉದ್ದೇಶ. ಆದರೆ ತತ್ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಣ ಸಾಲದೇ ಬರುವುದರಿಂದ ಈಗಲೇ ಅದನ್ನು ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಬದಲು ಒಂದು ಹಂತಕ್ಕೆ ತಂದು ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸೋಣ, ಅದರಿಂದ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಎಷ್ಟೋ ಪ್ರಯೋಜನವಿದೆ ಎಂಬ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಹಾಗಿದ್ದ ಪಕ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ ಅದನ್ನು ಎರಡನೆಯ ಸಾರಿ ಏಕೆ ಹೇಳಬೇಕಾಗಿತ್ತು ?

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಆ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ಈ ದಿನ ಚರ್ಚೆಮಾಡುವಾಗ ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK (Chitaldrug District—General).—If the suggestion of the Economy Officer regarding retrenchment of establishments of several departments is accepted and implemented fully, what will be the net savings ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It is rather difficult to answer that question for the reason that it refers to various departments including Railways, Central Excise, Income-tax and Military, etc. It is therefore a matter for calculation and if my Hon'ble friend puts a separate question, I will be able to answer him.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Leave all those departments transferred to the Centre. I want to know what will be the net savings if the suggestions of the Economy Officer are fully accepted and implemented in regard to the departments under the Government of Mysore ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—That is also a matter for calculation. I want notice.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Has not the Economy Officer pointed out in his report the exact amount of savings that would result ? Has he not given the actual figures ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—In many cases he has.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Will the Hon'ble Minister kindly state what net savings could be effected if the Economy Officer's suggestions are fully implemented in respect of all the departments ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—The report of the Economy Officer was placed in the hands of the Hon'ble Members. The amount of net savings has got to be tabulated. It will take some time.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Will it be possible to place on the Table of the House in the course of this session the tabulated statement of net savings ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—If the Hon'ble Members want it, I have no objection to do so. But the report itself of the Economy Officer is in the hands of the members.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—It is not easy for a lay man to get up the tabulated statement just in the same way as the Hon'ble Finance Minister or his Secretary does.

Sri G. A. ACHARYA (Bangalore District—General).—Is it on the suggestion of the Economy Officer that levy of surcharges on Electricity, etc., was done ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Exactly.

Sri A. G. BANDI GOWDA (Mandya District—General).—Have the Government reduced losses on the operations of the Food Department completely ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It is already announced that the object of Government is to have it on the basis of service at cost. We do not want to make profit nor are we prepared to have losses.

Sri A. G. BANDI GOWDA.—Are the Government prepared to reduce losses completely ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Yes.

Sri D. H. CHANDRASEKHARAIYA (Chitaldrug District—General).—What is the total amount involved under item No. 4 ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Minister has already answered it.

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It is round about Rs. 25 lakhs I said.

Sri D. H. CHANDRASEKHARAIYA.—Is it possible to compile a consolidated statement regarding retrenchment and economies effected by Government on the recommendations of the Economy Officer and publish them for the information of the House ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Yes, it is quite possible. But I would like the process to go a little further and then it will be better if we publish it.